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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Patent Application filed under 37 CFR §1.114 of: Petro Estakhri

For: "Block Management for Mass Storage"

ENCLOSURES

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- ☒ 8 pages Preliminary Amendment;
  - ☐ \_\_\_ sheets, Figs. \_\_\_\_\_ of formal drawings;
  - ☐ A petition for extension of time, \_\_\_ month
  - ☐ a copy of previously filed amendment;
  - ☒ a postcard for return to us as proof of receipt of the above documents.
- and
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment of the invention with a recordation cover sheet, as previously filed;
  - ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))
  - ☐ A copy of the previously filed IDS Statement and IDS (form PTO-1449);
  - ☐ An associate power of attorney;
  - ☐ a certified copy of the priority document (Under 35 USC 119) is enclosed

TYPE OF FILING

- ☒ This Continuing Patent Application claims the benefit of an earlier filed U.S. Patent No. 6,567,307, Issued on 05/20/2003, which is a CIP of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/620,544, filed on July 21, 2000. (35 USC 120)
- ☐ This application claims the benefit of the priority date of an earlier filed \_\_\_\_\_ application (35 USC 119).
- ☐ This is an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53, permitting receipt of a filing date upon filing of specification, claims and drawings, if required, with applicant being given a period of one month from the date of notice to file the fee and oath or declaration.
- ☒ In the event any parts of this application are missing, please treat this as a filing under 37 CFR 1.53 as defined just above.

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Total claims	10	Minus 20 = 0	x9 =	\$18	x18 =	\$
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